

reference to the possibility of handing over the enquiry to the Superintendent Task Force.

53. The author of Document 2 is Detective Sergeant 4946 Brierley. The report contains details of his investigation into Cyril Smith, its origins and its scope accompanied by suggestions as to how the investigation should be conducted going forward. I have discussed this report in more detail above see paragraph 33.
54. This report includes reference to historic complaints as emanating in whole or part from Cambridge House, that certain people in Rochdale believed that there was always an aura of suspicion with regards to Cyril Smith's activities amongst young people in the town, Cyril Smith's alleged modus operandi namely an examination for health/hygiene reasons and/or chastisement, allegations that Cyril Smith procured at least one boy (and a suggestion of at least 4 others) to reside with an ex-councillor [RO-F15] in his flat and that [RO-F15] indecently assaulted him. Close associates of Cyril Smith are also named ([RO-F16] who was a [DPA] and Councillor Harry Wild) who were also allegedly viewed by unidentified persons with suspicion concerning their activities with young men.
55. The investigation continued with further witness accounts obtained over the course of January – March 1970 (see Documents 5a, 8, 9a-22 and 24-29). I have very briefly summarised the contents of those statements below.
56. [RO-A50] provided an account to T Courtney (Document 11) on 19 January 1970 and alleged that whilst he was resident at the [DPA] in Rochdale he took his clothes off in front of Cyril Smith and coughed whilst Smith put his hand beneath his testicles and put his hands on his buttocks.
57. [RO-A1] provided a statement to T Courtney on 19 January 1970 detailing how he was moved to Cambridge House [DPA] and that on one occasion Cyril Smith took hold of his privates and asked him to cough and allegedly ran his hands over [RO-A1] buttocks and thighs.